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SUBJECT: AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTEGRATED PROGRAM

WORKING GROUP HAS NEGOTIATED FOLLOWING DECISION WHICH WILL
BE CONSIDERED IN PLENARY LATE AFTERNOON JULY 15. PLEASE
INFORM US IMMEDIATELY IF DEPARTMENT HAS PROBLEMS WITH
TEXT.

REVIEW OF PROGRESS UNDER CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 93 (IV)

DRAFT DECISION

THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME
FOR COMMODITIES,

BECALLING CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 93 (IV) ON THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME
FOR COMMODITIES AND THE AGREE TIME-TABLE IN THAT RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE COMMON FUND AND FOR THE COMPLETION OF ALL PREPARATORY
MEETINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES,
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BEARING IN MIND ITS MANDATE "TO CO-ORDINATE THE PREPARATORY WORK AND
THE NEGOTIATIONS; TO DEAL WITH MAJOR ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE,
INCLUDING COMMODITY COVERAGE; AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF MEASURES UNDER THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME".

RECALLING THE DECISION AT ITS SECOND SESSION THAT AT ITS THIRD SESSI

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THE COMMITTEE WOULD UNDERTAKE A "MORE THOROUGH AND COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS MADE UNDER CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 93 (IV) AND OF THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS UNDER THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMMED FOR COMMODITIES THAN HAD BEEN POSSIBLE AT ITS SECOND SESSION".

EMPHASIZING THAT IT MEETS AT AN IMPORTANT JUNCTURE IN THE PROCESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES AND THAT THE HALF-WAY MARK OF THE TIME ALLOTTED TO THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES HAS ALREADY PASSED.

HAVING CONSIDERED THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD (TD/B/IPC/AC/IO AND ADD.1)

1. EXPRESSES ITS REGRET AT THE FAILURE OF THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND IN MARCH 1977 TO ACHIEVE CONCLUSIVE RESULTS;

2. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE AGREEMENT OF GOVERNMENTS THAT A COMMON FUND SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AS A NEW ENTITY TO SERVE AS A KEY INSTRUMENT IN ATTAINING THE AGREED OBJECTIVES OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES AS EMBODIED IN UNCTAD RESOLUTION 93 (IV); THE AGREEMENT THAT THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF A COMMON FUND, AS WELL AS ITS OTHER CONSTITUENT ELEMENTS, WILL

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CONTINUE TO BE NEGOTIATED IN UNCTAD; AND THE PLEDGE TO SECURE A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AT THE FORTHCOMING RESUMED SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 1977 AT PLENIPOTENTIARY LEVEL;

3. URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO INTENSIFY PREPARATIONS SO AS TO ENABLE PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO ARRANGE, AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE, FOR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE;

5. DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS TO THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE AS EMBODIED IN RESOLUTION 93 (IV), NAMELY, TO PROPOSE APPROPRIATE MEASURES AND TECHNIQUES REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES; TO DETERMINE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS RESULTING FROM THE MEASURES AND TECHNIQUES PROPOSED, TO RECOMMEND FOLLOW-UP ACTION REQUIRED THROUGH THE NEGOTIATION OF COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, OR OTHER MEASURES;

AND TO PREPARE DRAFT PROPOSALS OF OF SUCH AGREEMENTS FOR
THE CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND FOR US IN COMMODITY
NEGOTIATING CONFERENCES;

6. NOTES THAT, IN THE COURSE OF SEVENTEEN MEETINGS ON EIGHT INDIVIDUA
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COMMEODITES, ONLY EXCEPTIONALLY HAS IT BEEN POSSIBLE TO MOVE BEYOND
PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS, REQUESTS FOR FURTHER TECHNICAL STUDIES
AND ANALYSES, AND DECISIONS TO HOLD FURTHER EXPERT LEVEL DELIB-
ERATIONS;

7. EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN AT THE INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS IN TAKING
COMMENSURTE STEPS TO TRANSLATE THE EXPRESIONS OF POLITICAL WILL INTO
CONCRETE, WORKABLE AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR ACTION ON INDIVIDUAL
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COMMODITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 93 (IV), IN THE COURSE
OF THE SERIES OF PREPARATORY MEETINGS UNDER THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME
FOR COMMODITES;

8. RECOGNIZES THE COMMITMENT OF GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT APPROPRIATE
MEASURES AND PROCEDURES FOR ATTANING THE AGREED OBJECTIVES OF THE
INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ON-GOING
NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN UNCTAD ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES;

9. UFGES GOVERNMENTS TO MOVE MORE DECISIVELY TOWARDS APPROPRIATE
ACTION ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, WITHIN THE DEADLINES SET BY RESOLUTI
ON
93 (IV), INTER ALIA, BY

(A) HARMONIZING THE NEED FOR STUDY OF ESSENTIAL ISSUES WITH THE
OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING TOWARDS EFFECTIVE SOLUTION
OF COMMODITY PROBLEMS;

(B) ENSURING THAT THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS REMAIN CORRECTLY FOCUSSED
ON THE REQUIREMENTS SET BY THEIR OWN TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DIRECTED
TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AGREED OBJECTIVES AND THE ADOPTION OF
APPROPRIATE MEASURES AS SET OUT IN RESOLUTION 93 (IV);

(C) UNDERTAKING EXPEDITIOUSLY THE TACK OF PREPARING DRAFT PROPOSALS F
OR
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE COMMODITIES WHERE THE BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL
ARRANGMENTS HAS EMERGED;

(D) CONSIDERING RESORING TO BRIEFER, COMMUNIQUE-TYPE REPORTS SETTING
OUT
MAINLY THE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AGREED UPON BY THE PREPARATO
RY
MEETINGS, PROCEDED WHEN NECESSARY BY A SHORT ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEMS
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(E) LIMITING THE NUMBER OF STUDIES ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE COMMODITY PROBLEM IN QUESTION TO THOSE DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES;

(F) HOLDING APPROPRIATE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS DURING AS WELL AS BEFORE PREPARATORY MEETING.

10. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES AS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 9 ABOVE WILL ALSO FACILITATE THE TASK OF THE SECRETARIAT, IN PARTICULAR IN IMPROVING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF MEETINGS.
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